

Serial No.: 10/722,167
Docket No.: 101-R001
Amendment dated: October 10, 2007
Reply to the Office Action of May 10, 2007

REMARKS

A. Introduction

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 have been indicated as allowed, and claims 21-33 have been cancelled. No new matter is being presented. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are requested.

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the claim amendments: (a) place this application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein), (b) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution as indicated in the Final Office Action), (c) present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal (should an appeal be necessary), and (d) are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the Final Office Action.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

A. Rejection under 35 USC §112

Claims 21, 23-26, and 29-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21-33 have been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

B. Rejection under 35 USC §251

Claims 21, 23-26, and 29-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being based upon new matter added to the patent for which reissue is sought. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21-33 have been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

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C. Rejection under 35 USC §102

Claims 33 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,561,761 to Fox (hereinafter "Fox"). Applicant respectfully submits that claim 33 has been cancelled, rendering this rejection moot.

D. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 502827.

Respectfully submitted,

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